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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Following the devastation wrought by Hurricane
2 Sandy in late October 2012, more than 30 committed employees from
3 Xcel Energy/Southwestern Public Service Company, based in
4 Amarillo, traveled to storm-damaged areas in the eastern United
5 States to help restore power; and

6 WHEREAS, Drawn from SPS sites in Texas and New Mexico, a group
7 composed of fleet mechanics, safety consultants, and
8 representatives from management and field operations departed from
9 Amarillo on October 31; although the team initially reported to
10 Appalachian Power in Virginia, it was soon reassigned to assist the
11 Long Island Power Authority in New York in returning power to tens
12 of thousands of customers; and

13 WHEREAS, Living in makeshift housing and enduring inclement
14 weather and long commutes, the Xcel workers persisted in their goal
15 of restoring electricity to the citizens of Plainview, New York;
16 local residents lauded their competence, courtesy, and dedication;
17 the first team returned home after approximately two weeks, and a
18 second group drove the equipment back to Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, These fine workers rendered invaluable service to
20 individuals in great need, and their outstanding professionalism in
21 the midst of hardship has reflected positively on their company and
22 on their states; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
24 Legislature hereby commend the employees of Xcel

1 Energy/Southwestern Public Service Company who assisted in
2 restoring power to victims of Hurricane Sandy and extend to them
3 best wishes for continued success in all their endeavors; and, be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for Xcel Energy/Southwestern Public Service Company as an
7 expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.